[Mr. K. Madhava Kurup.]

As in the international sphere, so in the domestic sphere, in internal economy of the State, Co-operation is destined in the future to play a prominent part. It is likely to secure a more definite place in reconstruction. The movement has immense potentialities in the State. Its scope for improving agriculture and developing cottage industries is unlimited. Improvement of the standards of living of the masses and the augmentation of the income of the farmer and the artisan can best be attained through Co-operative organisations particularly in a country economically stratified as Travancore. The business experience gained and the spirit of selfless public service promoted in the working of the Consumers' Societies is an invaluable asset and the gains of the wartime efforts will be a spring board for further endeavours. But if disaster that overtook the movement after the last war should not be repeated, a much larger number of the natural leaders of the people, as their representatives in this House are, should join the movement with an enthusiasm for bettering the economic condition of the common man and a faith in the fundamental principles of the movement. I would therefore appeal to the members of this House and through them to the public outside to join the movement in larger numbers and enable the Department to achieve what it can.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,27,328 under Demand XXIII—Co-operative Department—was put and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXIV—UPLIFT OF BACKWARD COMMUNITIES.

Mr. R. Vasudeva Puduval: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 86,269 under Demand XXIV—Uplift of Backward Communities.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 86,269 under Demand XXIV—Uplift of Backward Communities—was put and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. S. John (*Surgeon General*) took the oath and signed the Rolls.

DEMAND XXV—MEDICAL.

Mr. S. John: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 17,63,383 under Demand XXV—Medical.

Mr. M. Govindan: Sir, I support the Demand.

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